

REMARKS

Claims 33 and 34 have been amended. Claims 53 and 54 have been cancelled. Claims 35-50, 52, and 55 have been maintained in their current form.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone conversation of January 26, 2005, in which the Examiner agreed that claim 55 as previously amended was actually allowable being based on previously objected to claim 54 and the corresponding and intervening claims, 34 and 54, respectively.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,430,604 to Ogle, et al. ("Ogle"). Applicant has amended claim 33 and incorporated the elements of previously objected to dependent claim 54 and intervening claim 53. Therefore applicant submits that claim 33 is in condition for allowance.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 34 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,430,604 to Ogle, et al. ("Ogle") in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0013050 A1 by Shah ("Shah"). Applicant has amended claim 34 to incorporate the limitations of objected to claim 54 and intervening claim 53. Claims 53 and 54 have been cancelled. Therefore Applicant submits that claim 34 and dependent claims 35-50 and 52 are in condition for allowance

Objections to the Claims

Claims 36-38, 40-42, and 54 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated these claims would be allowable if written in independent format, including intervening claims. As stated, Applicant has incorporated the elements of claims 53 and 54 into both independent claims 33 and 34. Applicant has also incorporated the limitations of claims 34, 53, and 54 into claim 55, which the Examiner indicated during the phone call of January 26, 2005, would be

allowable.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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